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Cuban Invasion, Ransom Is 'Dishonorable Affair'

Editor: I read in U.S. News and World Report the report of the Bay of Pigs, written by one of the invaders, Manuel Penabaz.

I hang my head in shame at the heartless and cruel way in which our government let these men down, after training them and promising them that they would have our needed support to overthrow Premier Fidel Castro. Truly, this is a dark blot on our national honor, and President Kennedy must take the blame (as he has) for the tragic decision to withdraw our support.

The question "why" is still unanswered. The most charitable answer is that the President was convinced that this effort would succeed without our air support. In the light of some subsequent events, such as important information getting to Castro after being given to our intelligence service by Cuban refugees, as reported recently, one may well ask if there are infiltrators in the Central Intelligence Agency who do not want Castro overthrown.

The administration's pressure put on drug corporations and others to donate supplies wanted by Castro as blackmail for the release of prisoners is a far cry from our earlier history, when "Millions for defense, but not a cent for tribute" was our slogan.

Of course, we are all glad that the prisoners are released, but, certainly, this whole affair is most dishonorable, and one for which every American, including the President, should be ashamed.

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